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Dear Mr. Peyser:

This is in response to your telex to Secretary Haig on August 14 on butter for Poland.

The Administration shares your concern over the recent events in Poland, including the recent difficulties with food supplies. We have made U.S. surplus dairy products available to Poland at attractive prices. Last April the Commodity Credit Corporation sold Poland 60,000 tons of butter and non-fat dry milk. These products are moving to Poland now. An additional 9,000 tons of dairy products will be made available to Polish consumers from CCC surplus stocks through the Catholic Relief Services. We are also hopeful of concluding an arrangement which will provide added CCC surplus dairy commodities for distribution in Poland by CARE.

The Commodity Credit Corporation's surplus dairy product stock is still quite large. The sale to New Zealand will remove about half of the current butter surplus and does not reduce the availability of dairy products for Poland or for official food aid purposes.

Sincerely,

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